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Fishers of the bay: Faces of fortitude

Fishers in the Bay of Bengal face foes on both sea and land. Their boats are small, they battle rough seas, they risk injury and even loss of life. On land, the problems of daily living are formidable, but the fishers – men and women – meet them with stoic courage. A few have overcome all odds to rise out of poverty, serving as an inspiration to others. This calendar presents the many faces and moods – pensive, feisty, serious – of the fishing community from Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka.



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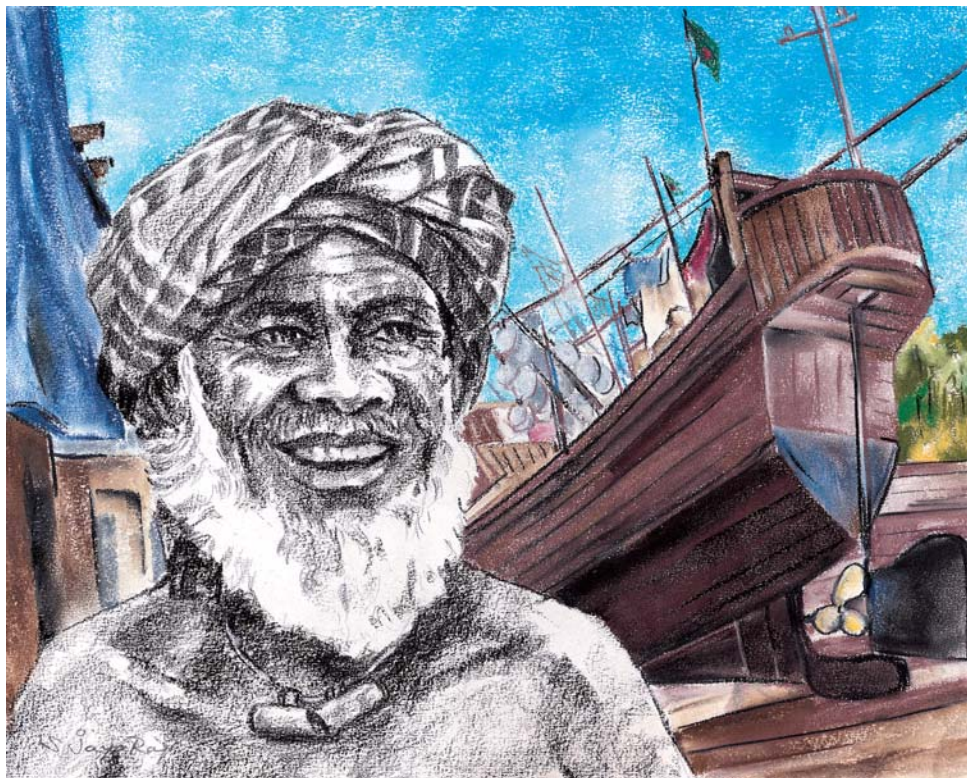
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*Cyclones? Dwindling fish species? Falling catches?
Rising costs? This fisherman in Chittagong, Bangladesh,
smiles despite adversity.*



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"The sea's bounty is going down," says this fisherman in Tuticorin, India. "And I compete for fish catches with big mechanized boats."

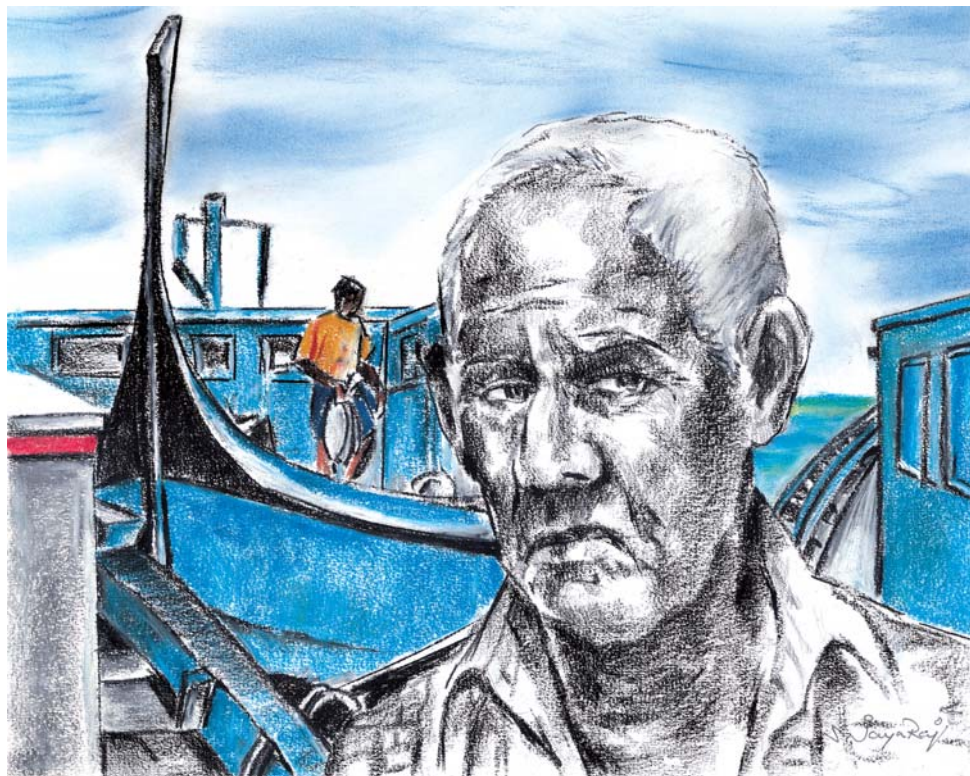


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*Fishermen are all-important in the Maldives.
Fisheries is an important source of livelihoods and
also an important foreign exchange earner.*



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"Fish migrate, they don't recognize borders," says this Sri Lankan fisherman. "We go fishing on multi-day boats, sometimes engines fail and we go astray. We need understanding." Experts call for regional co-operation on the issue.

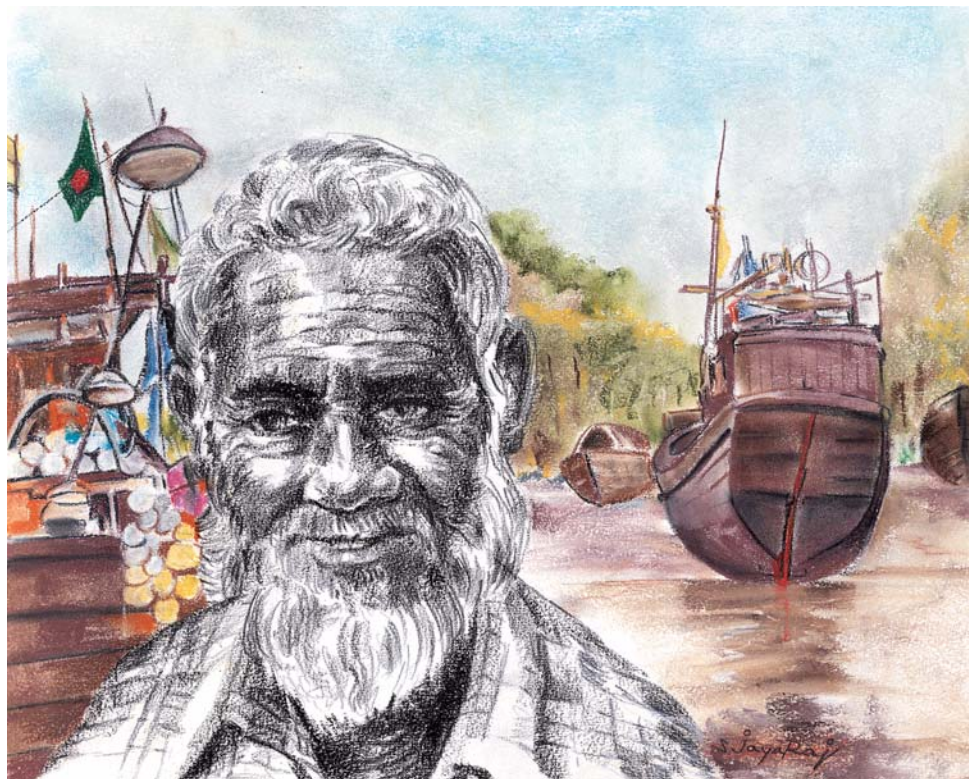


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Improving the health of fishers and their safety at sea is a major challenge for Bangladesh. Training workshops are helping to raise awareness and improve fishing practices.

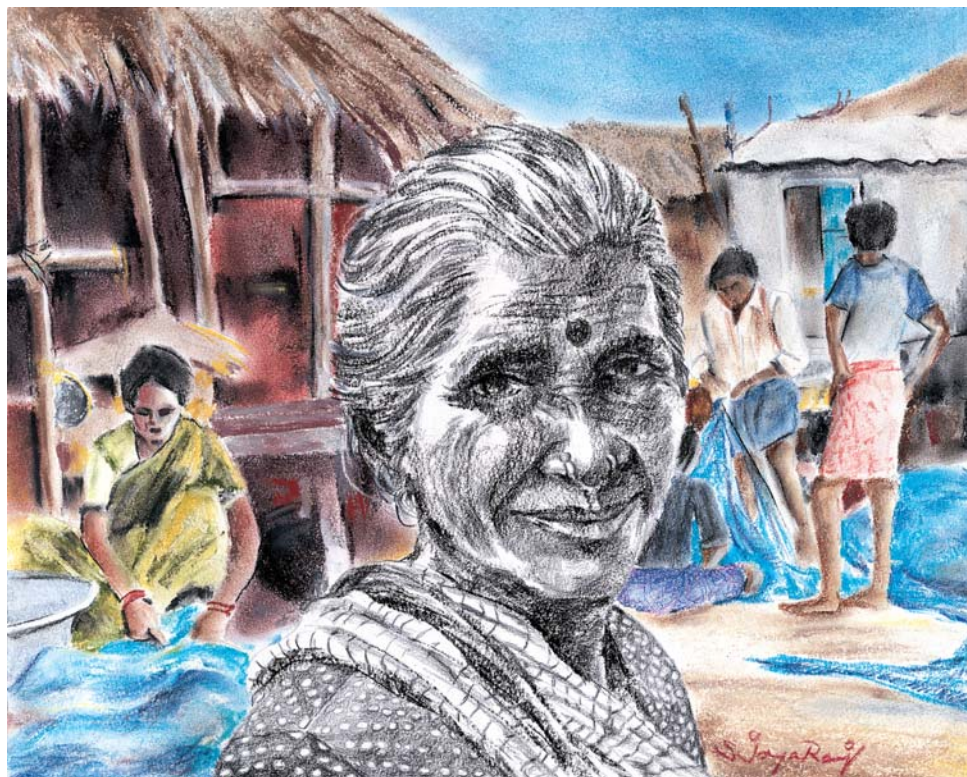


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Women in fisheries in India run homes, raise children, market fish. Yet men rule the roost. The system is changing, but gradually.



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"Tuna is our lifeline," says this fisherman from Kulhudhuffushi Island, Maldives. "We must fish sustainably, or all of us will suffer."



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She is from the Negombo fisher community. She works from dawn to midnight. But recognition or reward is negligible. Everyone agrees that women's empowerment is far away.

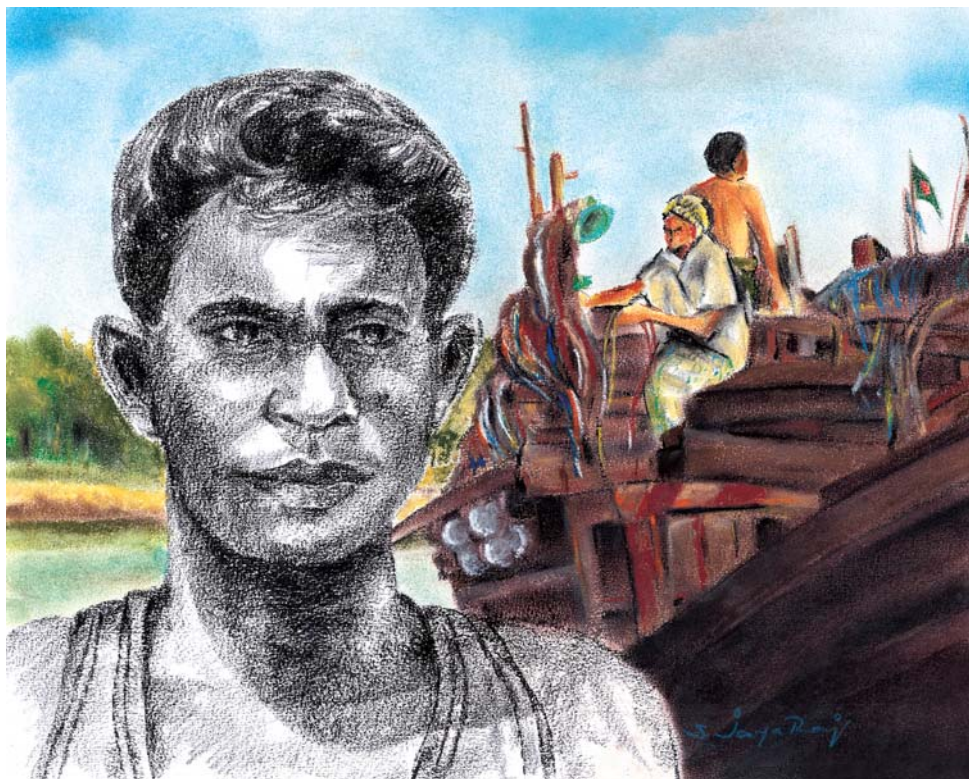


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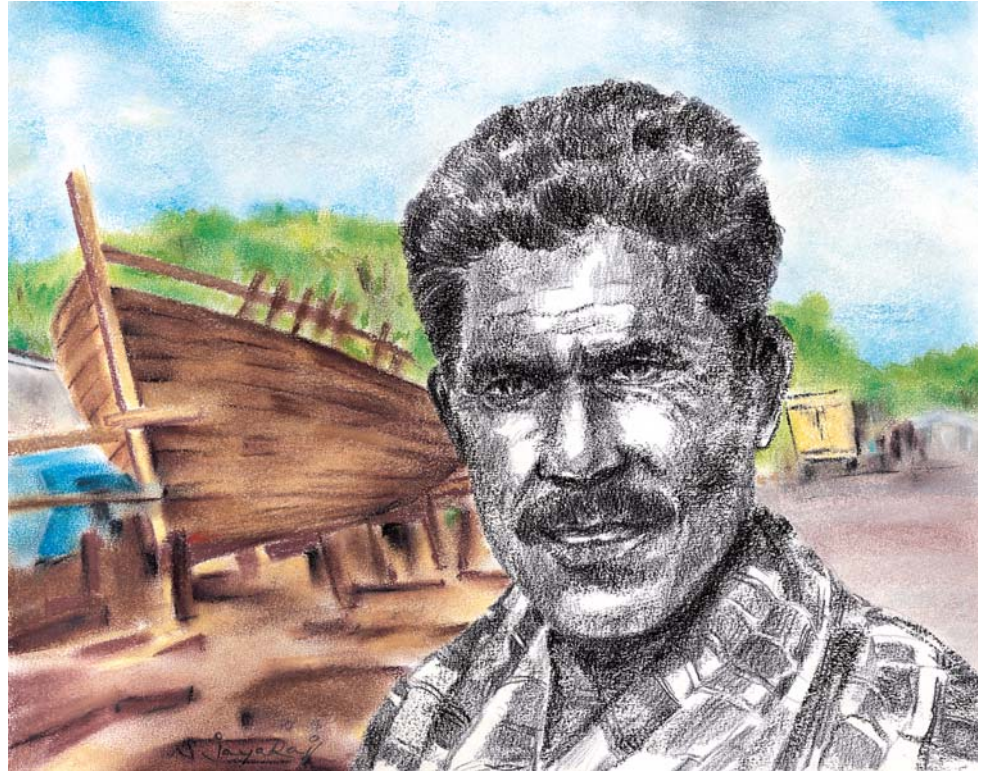
"Too many boats are chasing too few fish," says this young fisherman from Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh. The government is trying to improve fisheries management, but fishers must also cooperate.



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"Factories big and small dump their garbage into the sea," complains this Indian fisherman. "We end up catching polluted fish. People are poisoning their own food."



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*"We are told that our country will be the first victim of something called climate change," says this fisherman from Malé, Maldives.
 "We can already feel it. We hope something is done before it is too late."*



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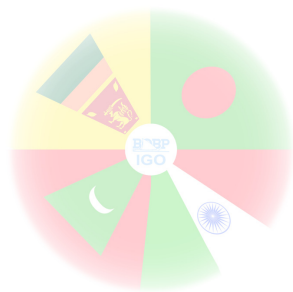
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He is a skilled Sri Lankan fisherman. But caught in a vice (rising costs, falling catches), he seeks opportunities in livelihoods other than fisheries.



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